

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004 in which the Examiner objected to the drawings, specification and claim 2 and rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

As indicated above, the specification has been amended to clearly indicate that the oxide films 2 and 4 are both part of a first insulating film while the nitride films 3 and 5 are both part of a second insulating film. Therefore, applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to the drawings and specification.

As indicated above, a typographical error as well as stylistic changes have been made to claim 2. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the corrections and withdraws the objection to claim 2.

As indicated above, claim 1 has been amended for stylistic reasons and in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection to claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, no longer applies. Therefore, applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone,

the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.


In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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